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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – School Shooting Plot Foiled

(U) A security officer overheard a student threaten to open fire at his Southern California high school, allowing officials to thwart the plot just days after a deadly shooting in Florida, authorities said yesterday. The 17-year-old student at El Camino High School near the city of Whittier was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats, and his adult brother was arrested on five weapons charges after two assault rifles, 90 high-capacity magazines and other handguns were found in their home. A security officer last week heard the teen "say that he was going to shoot up the school sometime in the next three weeks," Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell said at a news conference. The school reported the teen, and deputies found an assault rifle at the home registered to his 28-year-old Army veteran brother and another that was not registered, which is a felony in California, McDonnell said.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sacramento – Bill to Suspend Licenses from Drivers Under 21 if Under Influence of Marijuana

(U) A new bill from state Sen. Jerry Hill would create a zero-tolerance policy for any driver under the age of 21 who is caught operating a motor vehicle under the influence of marijuana, similar to the state's existing zero-tolerance policy for alcohol. It's already illegal for anyone to smoke, eat or drink marijuana while driving, but Hill said there are not any laws prohibiting traces of marijuana from being in someone's body while driving. Unlike alcohol, where there is a readily agreed-upon national standard constituting impairment, a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater, there is no such standard for marijuana.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Bay Area News Group](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – New Report Indicates KKK Groups Dwindle with Rise of White Nationalism in 2017

(U) Montgomery – The number of hate groups in America rose slightly in 2017 with some of the biggest shifts coming in areas relating to white supremacy and racism. There are 954 hate groups in the US, an increase of 4 percent from the year before, according to a new report from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a nonprofit watchdog organization that tracks such groups. While the number of Ku Klux Klan groups dropped from 130 in 2016 to 72 in 2017, the number of white supremacist groups increased from 99 in 2016 to 121 in 2017. Identity Evropa, which is responsible for nearly half of all white supremacist propaganda found on college campuses in the past year, grew from one chapter in 2016 to 15 chapters in 2017, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) Ohio – Student Dies After Shooting Himself in School Bathroom

(U) Jackson Township – An Ohio middle school student who brought a gun to school and shot himself in a bathroom Tuesday has died. The deceased seventh grader, from Jackson Memorial Middle School, was identified by the coroner as Keith Simons, 13, Jackson Township Police Chief Mark Brink said during a news conference yesterday. Simons rode the bus to school on Tuesday morning, concealing the weapon he'd taken from his mother's house beneath his clothes. He reportedly went to the bathroom

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immediately after arriving and fired a .22 caliber gun, which was heard shortly before 8 a.m. The school was placed on lockdown. During the news conference police also said that distraction devices were found in the backpack. The devices are generally used to produce smoke or a loud bang. The investigation is ongoing, as it is not yet clear if the shooting was intentional or if the teen had other plans.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Montenegro – Man Throws Grenade at US Embassy, Then Blows Himself Up**

(U) Podgorica — An unidentified man threw an explosive device at the US embassy building in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, around midnight before blowing himself up, the government said today. No casualties were reported from the embassy which confirmed a small explosion near its compound. The US State Department said checks were being carried out to ensure all staff were safe. Montenegro state television quoting police sources said the attacker was a 43-year old man born in Serbia and residing in Podgorica. Policemen with submachine guns and police vehicles were out on the streets near the embassy building on Thursday morning after the incident. The embassy was closed for issuing visas today and it warned US citizens to stay away until further notice.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Nigeria Rescues 76 Schoolgirls after Boko Haram Attack

(U) Bauchi — The Nigerian military rescued 76 schoolgirls and recovered the bodies of two others yesterday, after the students went missing during a Boko Haram attack on a village. At least 13 students may still be missing. More than 20,000 people have been killed and two million forced to flee their homes in the northeast of Africa's most populous nation since Boko Haram began its insurgency in 2009.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) California – Border Wall Work Begins in Downtown Calexico**

(U) Calexico — The federal government began work yesterday to replace a section of border wall in California, the first wall contract awarded in the Trump administration outside of eight prototypes that were built last year in San Diego. Customs and Border Protection is replacing a little more than two miles in downtown Calexico, a sliver of the president's plan for a wall with Mexico. A barrier built in the 1990s from recycled metal scraps and landing mat will be torn down for bollard-style posts that are 30 feet high, significantly taller than existing walls. The administration cleared the way for construction in September 2017 by waiving dozens of environmental and other reviews in Calexico. A 2005 law exempted it from environmental reviews if the Homeland Security secretary deems a wall to be in national security interests.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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